GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PAWAN HANS OPERATION TO NORTH EAST ETC.
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial subsidy being provided to Pawan Hans Helicopter Service to Lakshadweep, Sikkim as wellas the North-Eastern States; and

(b) whether feasibility of regular flight operations in Shillong, Kohima, Itanagar and Aizawl could be considered onpriority by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a):- Government has been providing subsidy to the tune of 75% for helicopter operations by Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited (PHHL) in Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Tripura. PHHLhas been operating in Lakshadweep with a subsidy of 80% by the Government.
(b):- The helicopters provided to Governments of Aurnachal Pradesh and Meghalaya by PHHL are already flying to/fromItanagar and Shillong. PHHLhas submitted proposals to Governments of Nagaland and Mizoram for operations of helicopters in these States. However, both States have not responded so far.